### TITLE STANDARD

TITLE: LAW ASSISTANT-TRIAL PART Title Code Number: 9443203

Salary Grade: 23

Jurisdictional Classification: NC CONF

#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Law Assistants-Trial Part research and analyze legal issues and questions and perform other related duties. They serve in a confidential capacity and under supervision for judges or groups of judges in Family and District Court; County and Surrogate's Courts in counties with populations less than 400,000; the Criminal Court and the Civil Court of the City of New York and in the Buffalo, Rochester and Yonkers City Courts. Law Assistants-Trial Part may be assigned to judges designated as Acting Justices of the Supreme Court for one full term or less.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES:

Researches and analyzes legal questions and issues.

Confers with and advises judges on legal issues.

Writes confidential legal memoranda and recommends decisions.

Drafts confidential opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, and correspondence.

Reviews written material and verifies citations.

Arranges and conducts conferences with litigants and other parties to action.

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## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Ability to write clear and concise prose.

Knowledge of the laws and rules governing civil and criminal practice, the New York State and Federal Constitutions, legal terminology, and forms.

# LAW ASSISTANT - TRIAL PART (Cont'd)

Knowledge of trial and hearing procedures.

Ability to organize factual and legal data into clear and logical sequences.

Ability to handle sensitive matters on a confidential basis.

Ability to analyze legal issues and identify relevant case opinions and facts.

Ability to communicate orally in a clear and succinct manner and to communicate technical language to laymen.

Ability to interpret laws, rules and regulations.

Knowledge of interviewing techniques.

Ability to establish work priorities.

Ability to work independently.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from an accredited law school and admission to the New York State Bar within eighteen months of appointment.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby amend the Classification Plan adopted by Order dated May 28, 1979, and adopt the attached title standard of Law Assistant-Trial Part.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Robert J. Sise

Chief Administrative Judge

of the Courts

DATED: Filmary 3-1 1984.

### TITLE STANDARD

TITLE: SENTOR LAW ASSISTANT Title Code Number: 9443204

Salary Grade: 26

Jurisdictional Classification: NC-CONF

#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Senior Law Assistants research and analyze complex legal issues and questions raised in civil and criminal cases heard in trial courts or on appeal to certain County Courts and may be responsible for supervision of law assistants and support staff who are located in one or more courts situated throughout a county, judicial district, or department. They serve in a confidential capacity and work with substantial independence from supervision in units located in the Court of Claims or special parts in the Supreme Court or in County, District, Family, and Surrogate's Courts in counties entirely within cities or in counties that have populations exceeding 400,000.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES:

Researches and analyzes complex legal questions and issues.

Writes confidential legal memoranda.

Drafts confidential opinions.

Confers with lawyers on unusual or complex proceedings and reviews legal documents filed in connection with such proceedings.

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#### KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the laws and rules governing civil and criminal practice, the New York State and Federal Constitutions, legal terminology, and forms.

Knowledge of trial and hearing procedures.

Ability to write clear and concise prose.

SENIOR LAW ASSISTANT (Cont'd)

Ability to organize factual and legal data into clear and logical sequences.

Ability to analyze legal issues and identify relevant case opinions and facts.

Ability to communicate orally in a clear and succinct manner and to communicate technical language to laymen.

Ability to interpret laws, rules, and regulations.

Ability to establish work priorities.

Ability to work independently.

Ability to handle sensitive matters on a Confidential basis.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Admission to the New York State Bar;

and

Two (2) years of service in the Law Assistant title.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby amend the Classification Plan adopted by Order dated May 28, 1979, and adopt the attached title standard of Senior Law Assistant.

This Order shall take effect immediately in accordance with the Stipulation of Settlement, dated March 31, 1983, settling Evans v. CRB and Law Assistants v. CRB.

S. Michael Nadel

Acting Chief Administrator

of the Courts

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